

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 4:00 p.m. on December 3, 2013, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman James J. Eardley, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Commissioner Alan Gardner, Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine S. Hall.

Commissioner Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for November 20, 2013, through December 3, 2013
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2013
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement:
Roger Bringhurst, A/N 0160229; Terry Gardner, S/N E-COV5-3; Sheila Hardy, A/N 0252927
- Consideration of Application for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes:
Melinda Linder, S/N SG-VGV-5
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2013-1032-O on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013
- Consideration of Renewal of Consulting Agreement between Wendy Sandberg and Washington County for the 2014 Washington County Fair
- Consideration of Renewal of Standard Cooperative Agreement for Utah State University Extension Educational Work for 2014
- Consideration of Washington County Holidays for 2014
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Schedule for 2014
- Consideration of Renewal of County Seat Sponsorship Agreement with Washington County, Season 4 (2014)

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Drake to Approve the Consent Agenda with the Exception of the Renewal of Consulting Agreement between Wendy Sandberg and Washington County, which is stricken from the**

agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH / CAROL HOLLOWELL

No presentations were made today.

**PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
SMALL CITIES PROGRAM FOR FY 2014**

Chairman Eardley opened the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program for FY 2014 and stated that this hearing is being called to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate income persons. The Five County Association of Government in which Washington County is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$700,000 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Guide and interested persons can review it at any time. Chairman Eardley read several of the eligible activities listed including, (Examples such as: Construction of public works and facilities, i.e.: water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. Also eligible are loan programs for private businesses which would then hire low income persons and the program can also pay for housing rehabilitation for low income homeowners or for persons owning rental housing for lower income persons). Chairman Eardley indicated that in the past Washington County has received four (4), which covered ADA Improvements/Public Buildings for \$80,000, Enterprise Senior Center for \$48,646, Gunlock Special Service District/Water for \$150,000, and Hurricane Senior Center/Meals On Wheel Vehicles for \$144,109. A complete list of CDBG projects funded for Washington County can be found on the Five County AOG website. The County has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan." This list shows which projects the County has identified as being needed in the community. It was asked that any persons with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak. The clerk will include your names in the minutes and we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during the hearing.

Washington County Internal Auditor Trevor Coombs presented four (4) potential applicants:

- Northwestern Special Service District, Gunlock Fire Station, \$150,000;
- Angel Springs Special Service District, culinary water project – loop water line, \$250,000;
- Utah Food Bank, refrigerated box truck, \$80,000; and
- Dixie Care & Share, low-income housing project in Washington City, \$300,000

Mr. Coombs referred Dixie Care & Share to Washington City to be its sponsor, since the project would be located within those city limits. Washington County is the designated sponsor for non-profit projects or those of special service districts. This hearing is a resource for the public to suggest any other projects that the County may not be aware of. The Steering Committee of the Five County Association of Governments is the ultimate authority for prioritizing and/or approving these CDBG projects.

If any or all of these applications receive funding, there will be a Second Public Hearing before the Commission, probably in March of 2014.

Seeing no one come forward, Chairman Eardley closed the Public Hearing.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1765, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE SPECIALLY FUNDED TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD

Chairman Eardley said that Donald Ruesch has resigned his position, and Spencer Beckstrom has opted not to be re-appointed. With these appointments, the Board will still be short one member.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2013-1765, A Resolution Appointing Sharron Northington and Re-Appointing James Eardley, Dennis Drake, and Steve Haluska as Board Members To The Specially Funded Transportation Special Service District Administrative Control Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1766, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2013-1766, A Resolution Appointing Barbara Hunt and Re-Appointing Sharon Ott, Ronald Lehm, Kimber Atkinson, and Maggie Middleton to the Washington County Council On Aging Advisory Board.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

No items were presented today.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Public Works Director Ron Whitehead asked for Chairman Eardley to sign the Washington County Flood Control Authority (FCA) boundary map to send to the Lt. Governor's Office with other documents for the purpose of creating the FCA.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Forwarding of Appropriate Documents, including the boundary map, to the Lt. Governor's Office for the creation of the Flood Control Authority. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

A site preview was held for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) project in the Virgin River near River Road, and also for the Water Conservancy District's water line site. He expects bids on those projects on Friday Dec. 6 and would like to award the contract shortly thereafter in order to start work, once insurance and bonding documents are in place. Next up are projects in Hurricane, LaVerkin, and Toquerville to be finished before April 15, 2014.

There are several small strips of land along 3000 East (scheduled to be widened) that were deeded to the County that will require quit claiming back to St. George City for the Mall Bridge Project.

The Road Department is also scheduled to begin a bid process concerning the frontage road that connects the Washington Fields Diversion Dam Road to the Turf Sod Road in Hurricane and also the road under the Southern Parkway into the top end of Warner Valley.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

Administrator Dean Cox said that each year the County has an opportunity to select a percentage of the overall state portion of participation in the Secure Rural Schools Program or go with the resource value within our County. He recommended that the Commission choose to elect the County share of the state payment which is anticipated to be five hundred eighty-two thousand, nine hundred and sixty dollars (\$582,960.00) for

2014. Those funds are apportioned into three different programs: Title 1, Title 2, and Title 3. Title 1 benefits the schools and roads within the County, and the recommendation would be to allocate eighty-five per cent (85%) to Title 1, which would then be divided fifty/fifty between the Specially Funded Transportation Special Service District and Washington County School District for two hundred forty-seven thousand, seven hundred and fifty-eight dollars (\$247,758.00) each; ten per cent (10%) for Title 2 (used for funding fire mitigation and planning and the County fire warden), in the amount of fifty-eight thousand, two hundred and ninety-six dollars (\$58,296.00); and five per cent (5%) to Title 3 (which funds are pooled into the Resource Allocation Committee), which amounts to twenty-nine thousand one hundred and forty-eight dollars (\$29,148.00).

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Approve the Allocation of Secure Rural Schools Funding for FY 2014 as indicated above. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

Request A Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

JAMES J. EARDLEY
CHAIRMAN